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Mr. Frank Sifer/  
[redacted]  
Australia

Dear Mr. Sifer:

Thank you for your note of 16 December 1957. Unfortunately the subject of the Australian Aborigines is an internal problem for your government and therefore one with which this Agency cannot become involved. I am sure that your government is doing all that it can within the framework of its general policies to assist the Aborigines.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]  
Assistant to the Director

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FRANK SIFER

STATOTHR

16 DEC 1957

Allen Dulles, Esq.,  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles,

Dr. H.V. Evatt, with whom I talked in Sydney last month, expressed his determination to ensure a gracious correction of the great case of injustice inflicted upon the Australian Aborigines, decimated from 300,000 to 70,000 in less than 200 years.

The immediate task objectives are (1) Aust-  
ralian and overseas scholarships for  
Aboriginal pupils, (2) publicity  
encouraging the interest and initiative of  
individual citizens, and (3) coordination  
of reports which will form a basis for a  
Constitutional review of Aboriginal status.

Mrs. Ernest Gruening of Washington, D.C.,  
the mother of my late U.P. chief Pete, is  
following the project with interest.

Consul Bolard More mentioned the pleasant  
talks he had with you in Switzerland, and  
I formed the impression you might foster  
some inspiration.

My approach may be the worst, but the  
better ones have failed.

Sincerely,

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